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# Pre-appointment hearing with the Government's preferred candidate for Chair of the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)

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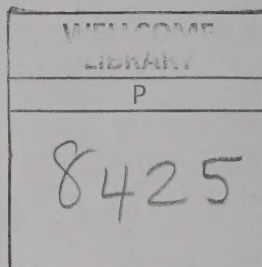
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## Science and Technology Committee

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### Publications

The Reports and evidence of the Committee are published by The Stationery Office by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee (including press notices) are on the Internet at <http://www.parliament.uk/science>. A list of reports from the Committee in this Parliament is included at the back of this volume.

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# Report

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1. The July 2007 Green Paper *The Governance of Britain* proposed the introduction of pre-appointment hearings for key public officials in which Parliament has a strong interest. It stated that, in each case, it should fall to the relevant select committee to conduct the hearing, which should cover issues such as the candidate's suitability for the role, his or her key priorities, and the process used in selection.<sup>1</sup> The Government's proposal was welcomed by the Liaison Committee,<sup>2</sup> which began to discuss with the Government the framework for pre-appointment hearings and, in particular, which appointments should be subject to them. The Liaison Committee agreed a list of such posts with the Government in May 2008.<sup>3</sup>

2. The Liaison Committee has published guidance for committees to ensure that hearings are conducted appropriately. The outcome of the hearing is non-binding, although the report from a committee holding a pre-appointment hearing should inform Ministers' decision-making on whether or not to proceed. Our purpose in conducting pre-appointment hearings is to satisfy Parliament that the post would be filled by someone of sufficient calibre. Since July 2010, we have held three hearings; with Phil Smith, Chair of the Technology Strategy Board; Dr Paul Golby, Chair of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council and Donald Brydon, Chair of the Medical Research Council.

3. The Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) was established by Royal Charter in 1965. Appointments are made by the Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Skills under the terms of section 4 of its Royal Charter. The Secretary of State wrote to us on 11 October 2013 inviting us to hold a pre-appointment hearing with the Government's preferred candidate for the Chair of the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC). We accordingly invited Sir Anthony Cleaver to attend a pre-appointment hearing on 21 October 2013. The Secretary of State's letter and the candidate's curriculum vitae are both printed with this Report.

## The Natural Environment Research Council

4. The NERC is one of seven Research Councils funded through the Department for Business Innovation and Skills via the Science Budget. In the 2010 Spending Review the Science Budget received a flat cash budget of £4.6 billion in cash terms over four years, equating to a cut in real terms.<sup>4</sup> Within the Science Budget the NERC's resource funding was "set in order to maintain its expenditure in real terms over the period of the Spending Review".<sup>5</sup> This was "to complement the real terms increase in the Department of Health's research budget, within which additional funding will be made available to support the

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<sup>1</sup> Cm 7170, para 76

<sup>2</sup> The Liaison Committee consists of the chairs of all the House of Commons select committees.

<sup>3</sup> First Special Report of the Liaison Committee, Session 2007-08, HC 594, *Pre-appointment hearings by select committees: Government response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2007-08*

<sup>4</sup> "Better than expected: Science Budget maintained by Government", *Medical Research Council*, 20 October 2010, [mrc.ac.uk](http://mrc.ac.uk)

<sup>5</sup> Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, *The Allocation of Science and Research Funding 2011/12 to 2014/15*, December 2010



translation of research into practical applications”.<sup>6</sup> The NERC’s funding allocation for 2012-13 is over £370m. In 2012-13 the MRC will employ the equivalent of approximately 2,500 full-time staff.

5. NERC uses three main funding streams. National capability, which enables the UK to deliver world-leading environmental science to support national strategic needs, and to respond to emergencies. It is mainly about long-term investment and will rarely be subject to open competition. Research programmes, which are strategically directed environmental research, training and related knowledge exchange. Research programmes will have key features such as being time-limited, competitive and encouraging partnerships and collaboration. Responsive mode funding that supports original investigations and training in any area of science relevant to NERC’s remit, strengthens the health of disciplines, and helps set future strategic priorities.

6. In 2011/12, the NERC spent £124m on national capability, £51m on research programmes and £98m on responsive mode funding. When the allocation of funds as part of the Science Budget was announced, NERC was told that its goal for the CSR period was “to secure competitive advantage for the UK in the race to a global green economy and to help make the nation resilient to environmental crisis”.

## The role of the Chair

7. The Chair of the NERC will work with the Chief Executive who is the Council’s Accounting Officer, and the Council, leading the MRC in pursuit of its objectives. The Chair acts as custodian for the Council’s mission and Charter objectives and is responsible for overall direction and management of the Council. The Council meets five times a year and its primary objectives are:

- a) to promote and support, by any means, high-quality basic, strategic and applied research and related post-graduate training in the biomedical and other sciences, with the aim of maintaining and improving human health;
- b) to advance knowledge and technology (including the promotion and exploitation of research outcomes), and provide trained researchers, which meet the needs of users and beneficiaries (including the providers of health care, and the biotechnology, food, health-care, medical instrumentation, pharmaceutical and other biomedical-related industries), thereby contributing to the maintenance and improvement of human health, the economic competitiveness of Our United Kingdom, and the quality of life; and
- c) in relation to the activities as engaged in by the Council under (a) and (b) above and in such manner as the Council may see fit:
  - i. to generate public awareness;
  - ii. to communicate research outcomes;

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<sup>6</sup> Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, *The Allocation of Science and Research Funding 2011/12 to 2014/15*, December 2010

- iii. to encourage public engagement and dialogue;
- iv. to disseminate knowledge; and
- v. to provide advice.

8. When advertising the post, the Department sought “an outstanding individual [...] to become Chair of the NERC, someone able to command the confidence of the relevant academic and related communities; someone also ideally with strong interest in the natural sciences; someone who can guide the development of NERC's economic as well as research and policy impacts”. The successful candidate was required to demonstrate:

- a) The ability to chair a Board of a substantial organisation and to exercise judgement across a broad spectrum of policy and high-level management issues
- b) The ability to deal with complex difficult discussions with diplomacy and resolve;
- c) An understanding of governance and other governing body management issues
- d) First rate intellectual, communication, negotiation and influencing skills;
- e) The ability to deal with a wide range of stakeholders at senior level, including Government.

Desirable attributes included: Understanding of research/ technology led organisations; experience of dealing with diverse interest groups; and an understanding of the environmental research community.

9. The role of the Chair is a part-time and non-executive appointment, for which an honorarium of £16,430 per annum will be paid. There is a degree of flexibility in the role, but typically in the order of 24 days a year is expected. The appointment will commence on 1 January 2014 for four years in the first instance, with the possibility of reappointment.

### **The preferred candidate: Sir Anthony Cleaver MA, FBCS, CCMI, Hon FREng**

10. Sir Anthony Cleaver is currently Chairman of Novia Financial Plc and the Caithness & North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership. He worked in IBM for 32 years in which time he rose from joining as a trainee instructor in 1962 to Chairman and Chief Executive in 1990. He finally retired from IBM in 1994. He moved into the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA), as Chairman in 1993, and in 1996 he led the privatisation and flotation of the UKAEA's commercial activities. He became Chairman of AEA Technologies plc until 2001.

11. Sir Anthony has been involved with a number of business and environment organisations at a board level the most relevant of which is Chair of the Medical Research Council which he held for six years from October 1998. He was knighted in the 1992 New Years Honours List.



## **The Committee's view on the suitability of the candidate**

12. Sir Anthony has had a distinguished career in the technology sector, as evidenced by his long service in IBM followed by his involvement in United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority during its privatisation. He has held a number of senior posts including chairing organisations with strong interest in technology, such as EngineeringUK; with environment and business organisations such as Vice-Chairmanship of the UK Centre for Economic and Environmental Development; and training organisations such as his chairmanship of the Council for Excellence in Management and Leadership. He demonstrated a sound understanding of business and industry and would clearly be comfortable interacting with senior levels of Government. We were also impressed by Sir Anthony's understanding of the challenges facing the NERC, including the dual role of the NERC in Antarctica. His previous experience as Chair of the MRC will obviously allow him to get a running start as he will have little to learn about how the Councils work together.

13. We are satisfied that Sir Anthony Cleaver is a suitable candidate to chair the Natural Environment Research Council. We recommend that the Minister proceeds with the appointment. We wish Sir Anthony well in his new post and look forward to working with him in the future.



## Annex

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### Correspondence from The Rt Hon David Willetts MP, Minister for Universities and Science

#### *Chair of the Natural Environment Research Council*

I am writing to inform you that I have identified Sir Anthony Cleaver as the Government's candidate to be the new Chair of the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and to invite the Science and Technology Select Committee to hold a pre-appointment hearing in line with the procedure agreed in the Government's Response to the Liaison Committee's First Report of Session 2007-08, HC 594.

Sir Anthony Cleaver is currently Chair of Novia Financial Plc and the Caithness & North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership. He has also been Chair of the UK Atomic Energy Authority in the 1990s and in 1996 led the privatisation and subsequent flotation of UKAEA's commercial activities. He then became Chairman of AEA Technology plc, a position he held until the end of 2001. Sir Anthony began his career at IBM becoming General Manager in 1983, Chief Executive in 1986 and Chairman and Chief Executive in 1990. He was Chair of the Medical Research Council from October 1998 until July 2006. He holds a degree in *Literae Humaniores*. The present NERC Chair, Ed Wallis, steps down at the end of December.

I annex details of the legal basis of the appointment and the recruitment process (Annex A), and attach the information pack for candidates which includes a job description and person specification and terms and conditions (Annex B) and Sir Anthony Cleaver's CV (Annex C).

10 October 2013

## ***Appendix A: Legal basis***

The Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) was established by Royal Charter in 1965. Appointments are made by the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills under the terms of section 4 of its Royal Charter.

4. (1) The Council shall consist of a Chair, a Chief Executive and Deputy Chair, and not less than ten nor more than eighteen other members, at least half of whom shall be appointed by reason of their qualifications in science or engineering.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of this Article, the Chair, the Chief Executive and Deputy Chair, and the other members shall be appointed and the terms of their appointment or the revocation of any appointment determined by Our Secretary of State.

(3) (a) Before appointing any member, including the Chair and the Chief Executive and Deputy Chair, on account of his qualifications in science or engineering, Our Secretary of State shall consult the President for the time being of Our Royal Society or of Our Royal Academy of Engineering as Our Secretary of State shall see fit.

(b) Before appointing any member, including the Chair and the Chief Executive and Deputy Chair, Our Secretary of State shall consult the Chair for the time being of the Council, who may consult other members of the Council as he shall see fit.

(4) Every member, including the Chair and the Chief Executive and Deputy Chair, shall hold and vacate his office solely in accordance with the terms of his appointment, and shall, on the expiry of his term of appointment, be eligible for re-appointment but

(a) a member shall not be appointed for a term of more than four years;

(b) a member who is re-appointed on ceasing to be a member shall not again be eligible for re-appointment before the expiration of one year from the end of the period for which he is re-appointed: provided that this sub-paragraph shall not apply to a person appointed to serve as Chair or Chief Executive and Deputy Chair or to a person who is a civil servant or who is employed by a Research Council;

(c) a member may at any time by notice in writing to Our Secretary of State resign his office; and

(d) any member who is also employed as a civil servant or who is also employed by a Research Council shall hold his office only so long as he is so employed.

(5) Except as provided in paragraph (7) of this Article, the Council shall in the case of any such member as Our Secretary of State may determine

(a) pay to him such remuneration and allowances as may be so determined in his case; and

(b) pay to or in respect of him such pension, allowance or gratuity on his retirement or death, or make such payments towards provision for such a pension, allowance or gratuity, as may be so determined in his case.

(6) If a person ceases to be a member of the Council otherwise than on the expiration of his term of office, and it appears to Our Secretary of State that there are special circumstances



which make it right that that person should receive compensation, the Council shall make to that person a payment of such amount as Our Secretary of State may determine.

(7) The Council shall not in any circumstances or at any time make to or in respect of any person in his capacity as a member of the Council any payment of any kind whatsoever for or in respect of any period when he is also a member of the House of Commons, the Scottish Parliament, the National Assembly for Wales or the Northern Ireland Assembly (when so constituted), other than a payment by way of reimbursement to him of actual out of pocket expenses previously and necessarily incurred by him in the performance of his duties as such member of the Council.

(8) The provisions of paragraphs (5) and (6) of this Article shall not apply to a member who is an officer of a Department of Our Government.

### *The recruitment process*

The process followed the recommendations of the Code of Practice of the Commissioner for Public Appointments as it applies to upper tier bodies. It was overseen by a panel:

Margaret Scott, OCPA Public Appointments Assessor (Chair)

Sir John O'Reilly, Director General Knowledge and Innovation at BIS

Jeremy Clayton, Director Research Base at BIS

James Smith, Chair Carbon Trust

After preparation of information packs, which include details of the role and person specifications and terms and conditions and which were approved by the OCPA public appointments assessor, the post was advertised. Advertising took place on the websites of NERC, RCUK and Cabinet Office. Saxton Bampfylde conducted the executive search and the job was also advertised on their website. The closing date was 24 June. Following consideration of the applications the panel held long listing and short listing meetings on 01 July and 15 July respectively. Eight candidates were selected after longlisting, and after shortlisting five candidates were selected for interview. Interviews were held on 24 July. In accordance with the Royal Charter the current Chair Ed Wallis was consulted. Recommendations were then made by the panel to the Minister for Universities and Science who considered their advice and met with the two highly appointable candidates. Following this meeting the Minister decided who he wished to appoint. The Minister has consulted the Prime Minister who has indicated that he is content.

### *Appendix B: NERC Chair*

#### *The Natural Environment Research Council*

The Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) is a body corporate with executive responsibilities set up under the Science and Technology Act 1965 and incorporated by Royal Charter. NERC is a Non-Departmental Public Body sponsored by the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS).

NERC's mission is to gather and apply knowledge, create understanding and predict the behaviour of the natural environment and its resources, and communicate all aspects of our work. NERC delivers independent research, survey, training and knowledge transfer in the environmental sciences, to advance knowledge of planet Earth as a complex, interacting system. NERC's work covers the full range of atmospheric, earth, biological, terrestrial and aquatic sciences, from the deep oceans to the upper atmosphere, and from the poles to the equator.

NERC's vision is to advance knowledge and understanding of the Earth and its environments to help secure a sustainable future for the planet and its people.

### *MRC objectives*

The primary objectives of NERC as set out in its Royal Charter are:

- to promote and support, by any means, high-quality basic, strategic and applied research, survey, long-term environmental observation and monitoring and related postgraduate training in environmental and related sciences including: terrestrial, marine and freshwater biology and Earth, atmospheric, hydrological, oceanographic and polar sciences; and in Earth observation and the Earth's system;
- to advance knowledge and technology (including the promotion and support of the exploitation of research outcomes), and to provide services and trained scientists and engineers, which meet the needs of users and beneficiaries (including the agricultural, construction, Earth observation, energy, environmental services, fishing, forestry, hydrocarbons, financial services, minerals, process, remote-sensing, water and other industries), thereby contributing to the economic competitiveness of Our United Kingdom, the effectiveness of public services and policy, and the quality of life.

It is also charged to:

- generate public awareness;
- communicate research outcomes;
- encourage public engagement and dialogue;
- disseminate knowledge; and
- provide advice.

More information on the NERC's current strategy can be found at;

<http://www.nerc.ac.uk/about/strategy/ngscience.asp>

### *The Role of Chair*

The post of Chair of NERC becomes vacant on 1 January 2014 when the present Chair, Ed Wallis, term ends. The Chair will work with the Chief Executive who is the Council's Accounting Officer, and the Council, leading the NERC in pursuit of its objectives. The



Chair acts as custodian for the Council's mission and Charter objectives and is responsible for overall direction and management of the Council.

### *Key responsibilities*

- Work with BIS, the Chief Executive and the Council members in the development of the Council's strategic direction and policies to deliver the NERC's mission, within the overall framework of government policy;
- Chair Council meetings, typically five times a year, in a way that facilitates the corporate pursuit of Council objectives and gives due consideration to the interests of all stakeholders of Council business;
- Work with, champion and support the work of NERC's research centres, including the British Antarctic Survey, British Geological Survey, National Oceanography Centre, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, National Centre for Atmospheric Science, and National Centre for Earth Observation;
- Work to improve the links between the NERC, the research community it supports, national and international science funding and policy agencies, including learned and professional institutions, and with Government and Parliament;
- Build vital relationships with various partners aimed at realising the potential of NERC research. In particular the academic community in the atmospheric, earth, terrestrial and aquatic sciences; building relationships with Government departments including FCO, MoD, Defra and DECC; with Parliament including the HoC and HoL committees and relevant all-party groups as well as other public, private and third sector partners including the TSB, Meteorological Office, the Environment Agency, Natural England and other joint venture partners;
- Engage senior users such as those in businesses to promote increased engagement with NERC and thereby the relevance and economic impact of NERC's research;
- Chair the Appointments Panel which recommends to the Secretary of State shortlists for appointments as Members of the Council. Assessing the performance of the Chief Executive and Council Members;
- Chairing the Remuneration Committee, which determines Director-level pay policy and contracts, and corporate bonuses, as well as regular attendance at the Audit and Finance Committee and attendance at the Strategy Committee when required; and
- Work with BIS and the other Research Council and TSB Chairs and Chief Executives on cross-Council research and other wider research and innovation policy issues including industrial strategy.

### *Person specification*

An outstanding individual is sought to become Chair of the NERC, someone able to command the confidence of the relevant academic and related communities; someone also

ideally with strong interest in the natural sciences; someone who can guide the development of NERC's economic as well as research and policy impacts.

### *Essential skills*

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate:

- The ability to chair a Board of a substantial organisation and to exercise judgement across a broad spectrum of policy and high-level management issues
- The ability to deal with complex difficult discussions with diplomacy and resolve;
- An understanding of governance and other governing body management issues
- First rate intellectual, communication, negotiation and influencing skills;
- The ability to deal with a wide range of stakeholders at senior level, including Government.

### *Desirable skills*

Some of the following attributes would be desirable:

- Understanding of research/ technology led organisations;
- Experience of dealing with diverse interest groups;
- An understanding of the environmental research community.

### *Conflicts of interest*

Potential candidates should be aware that the Council must avoid conflicts of interest in its work, and therefore individuals with significant responsibilities in other bodies funding in areas in which NERC is active are not eligible to apply. Applicants are asked to declare any potential conflicts on the Candidate Summary Form and to note that all members of Council are required to declare any private, professional or commercial interests that might conflict with the interests of the Council, or which might be perceived by others as creating a conflict of interest. These declarations are published on the NERC website.

### *Basis of appointment*

#### *Remuneration/benefits*

This is a part-time and non-executive appointment, for which an honorarium is paid. The rate at appointment will be £16,430 per annum. Expenses will be reimbursed.

#### *Length of appointment*

The appointment will be from 1 January 2014 for four years in the first instance, with the possibility of reappointment.



There is a degree of flexibility in the role, but typically in the order of 24 days a year is expected. The Council meets five times a year.

### **Appendix C: Sir Anthony Cleaver, MA, FBCS Curriculum Vitae**

Born in 1938, Sir Anthony attended Berkhamsted School and, after National Service, went up to Trinity College, Oxford in 1958 as an Open Scholar. He graduated in 1962 in *Literae Humaniores*.

Sir Anthony joined IBM in 1962 as a Trainee Instructor, moving to Systems Engineering in 1966 and becoming a Consultant Systems Engineer in 1968. His subsequent career spanned marketing, product management and production scheduling but mostly in line management. His two overseas assignments were to the United States in 1973-74 and to the IBM European Headquarters in Paris from 1980-82 where he was European Vice-President of Marketing. On his return to the United Kingdom, Sir Anthony was named General Manager in 1983, Chief Executive in 1986 and Chairman and Chief Executive in 1990. Sir Anthony retired from IBM in 1994.

Sir Anthony became Chairman of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority in 1993. In 1996 he led the privatisation and subsequent flotation of UKAEA's commercial activities, becoming Chairman of AEA Technology plc- a position he held until the end of 2001.

He is currently Chairman of Novia Financial Plc and the Caithness & North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership.

He was Chairman of IX Europe plc, SThree plc and Working Links (Employment) Limited and was a Director of the Links Foundation. He was founding Chairman of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority from July 2004-July 2007, Chairman of the Medical Research Council from October 1998 until July 2006, and has been Chairman of Engineering UK, UK eUniversities Worldwide Limited, General Cable plc and The Strategic Partnership Limited, a non-executive Director of General Accident plc, Lockheed Martin UK Limited and Smith & Nephew plc and a member of the British Government Panel on Sustainable Development. He was also a Member of the Committee on Standards in Public Life (Nolan Committee), Chairman of the Government's Asia Pacific Advisors, Trade Partners UK and a Member of the Singapore British Business Council.

From 1976-80 he was a Director of the National Computing Centre and was a member of the British Overseas Trade Board from 1988 to 1991. In 1993 he joined the Government's Industrial Development Advisory Board, of which he was Chairman until October 1999.

In the field of education and training, Sir Anthony was a founder member of the National Training Task Force and Chairman of its TEC Committee. He was also Chairman of the Independent Assessors of the TECs and a member of NACETT. He chaired the RSA Inquiry into "Tomorrow's Company" and was, from 1989 to 1999, Chairman of the Governors of Birkbeck College, London. From 1997 to 2002 he was President of the Involvement & Participation Association (IPA), and was, for several years, a member of the PPARC Appointments Committee. Sir Anthony was Chairman of the Council for Excellence in Management and Leadership until May 2002 and President of the Chartered Management Institute for the year 1999/2000.

From his long term concern with the environment, Sir Anthony was a director of the UK Centre for Economic and Environmental Development from 1982-98 (Vice-Chairman from 1990-98). He is President of Business Commitment to the Environment, has been a Deputy Chairman of Business in the Community and was founding Chairman of Business in the Environment from its inception in 1989 until November 1999. He was a member of the first Advisory Committee on Business and the Environment set up by the Departments of Environment and Trade and Industry, and Chairman of its working party on environmental management. In 1990 Sir Anthony was named a member of the United Nations Environment Programme's Global 500 Roll of Honour. He is an Honorary Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford, Birkbeck College, London and University of Central Lancashire, an Honorary LLD of Nottingham and Portsmouth Universities, an Honorary DSc of Cranfield, City University and Hull University, an Honorary DUniv of Middlesex University and a Fellow of the City & Guilds Institute. He also has a DTech from London Metropolitan University. He was President of the Classical Association for 1995-96. In 2011 Sir Anthony was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and in 2013 became an Honorary Fellow of the Institution of Chemical Engineers

Sir Anthony is closely involved in the arts. He was Chairman of the Royal College of Music from 1999-July 2007 and was Deputy Chairman of the English National Opera until November 2000 (Director since 1988). He has also been a Director of the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Music in 2008 and is Senior Warden of the Worshipful Company of Musicians.

In the 1992 New Years Honours List Sir Anthony was knighted. He is married, with one son and one daughter, and lives in London.



# Formal Minutes

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**Monday 21 October 2013**

Members present:

Andrew Miller, in the Chair

Jim Dowd  
Pamela Nash  
Roger Williams

Stephen Metcalfe  
Sarah Newton

Draft Report (*Pre-appointment hearing with the Government's preferred candidate for Chair of the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*Ordered*, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 13 read and agreed to.

Annex agreed to.

*Resolved*, That the Report be the Fifth Report of the Committee to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

*Ordered*, That embargoed copies of the Report be made available, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 134.

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing with the Report

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 October at 9.00 am]

## Witness

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*(The transcript from the oral evidence session held on Monday 21 October 2013 will be published later on the Parliament website.)*

**Monday 21 October 2013**

**Sir Anthony Cleaver**, Chair-elect of the Natural Environment Research  
Council (NERC)



# List of Reports from the Committee during the current Parliament

The reference number of the Government's response to each Report is printed in brackets after the HC printing number.

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First Report	Water quality: priority substances	HC 272–I (HC 648)
Second Special Report	Marine science: Government Response to the Committee's Ninth Report of Session 2012–13	HC 443
Third Special Report	Bridging the valley of death: improving the commercialisation of research: Government response to the Committee's Eighth Report of Session 2012–13	HC 559
Second Report	Forensic science	HC 610
Fourth Special Report	Water quality: priority substances: Government response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2013–14	HC 648
Third Report	Clinical trials	HC 104

## Session 2012–13

First Special Report	Science in the Met Office: Government Response to the Committee's Thirteenth Report of Session 2010–12	HC 162
First Report	Devil's bargain? Energy risks and the public	HC 428 (HC 677)
Second Report	Pre-appointment hearing with the Government's preferred candidate for Chair of the Medical Research Council	HC 510–I
Second Special Report	Engineering in government: follow-up to the 2009 report on Engineering: turning ideas into reality: Government Response to the Committee's Fifteenth Report of Session 2010–12	HC 511
Third Report	The Census and social science	HC 322 (HC 1053)
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Fifth Report	Regulation of medical implants in the EU and UK	HC 163 (Cm 8496)
Sixth Report	Proposed merger of British Antarctic Survey and National Oceanography Centre	HC 699 (HC 906)
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